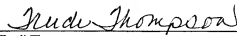


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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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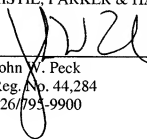
_____ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
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X_____ Other enclosures: Replacement drawings (6 sheets)

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